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La Peña Cultural Center

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Two-Month Calendar
See back for June

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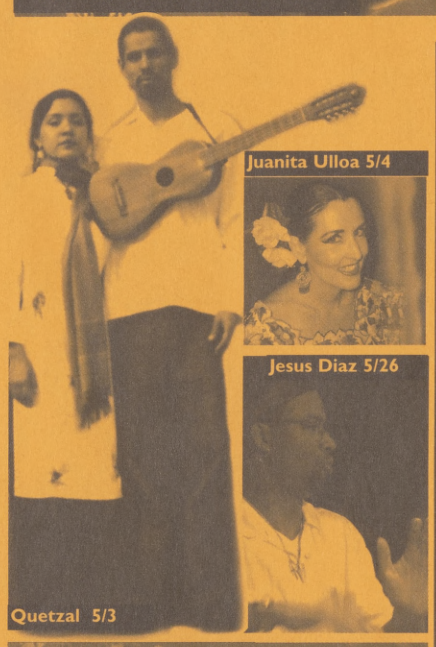
La Peña Calendar of Events • May • 2007

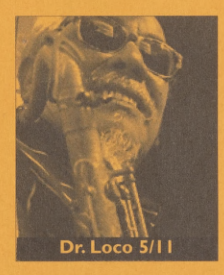
(JUNE 07 ON THE BACK)

MAY DAY: ARAB HIP-HOP 5/5

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 BENEFIT EVENT	**3** DANCE	**4** CONCERT	**5** JUANITA ULLOA & GINNY MORGAN SPECIAL 5 DE MAYO KID'S SHOW
Leftist Lounge IV Dance all the way to Atlanta! Calling all revolutionaries, souljahs, freedom fighters, graffiti writers, grassroots organizers...shake you conscious booties to celebrate the struggle and raise funds for some real deal. Benefit party to get working-class members of local grassroots orgs. (Just Cause Oakland, Power, Poder, CPA, St. Peters Housing and Mujeres Unidas de Activas) to Atlanta, U.S. Social Forum in June. **8pm $10-$15 sliding scale***	The leading Chicano band from LA returns to La Peña **Quetzal** with **Carne Cruda** Quetzal brings their mix of Mexican, Cuban, Latin American rhythms, jazz and rock–supercharged by dynamic vocals and their committment to the soul and struggle of the Mexican American legacy. **8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**	***Juanita Ulloa**, High Priestess of Operachi Mariachi Picante's* ***2nd Annual Mujeres Music Festival*** **Symphonic Women Celebrate Mexico** ***Nada Lewis***, exotic Gypsy-Latin accordion melodies. ***Beatriz Restrepo***, cumbia dancer extraordinaire. Also featuring dueling guitarists ***Manuel Constancio & Jose Roberto Hernandez*** **8:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr**	**The Arab Culture Initiative** La Peña, the Arab Cultural Center, & The Arab National Museum present Hip Hop for social change & political awareness **The Rogue State** (RagtOp of the Philistines, Omar Offendem of the N.O.M.A.D.S and Excentrik) **Head-Roc** **Iron Sheik** **9pm $12 gen. $10 stdnts. & snrs.**

SUNDAY



6 CAFE RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM An evening of Xican@ Jot@ Poetry **Tragic Bitches** ***Adelina Anthony, Dino Foxx, & Lorenzo Herrera y Lozano*** An evening of brazen poetry on family unity & disunity, ethnic bonds & bondage, assimilation & displacement, clit envy & penis worship, hard-ons & even harder break-ups! It takes bitches with those Mexican-cantina survival skills to make you both laugh and cry at the tragedy of it all. *Adult content. **7pm $10 dr. $8 adv.**	**9** CAFE POETRY 7:30PM **HIP HOP** Hip-Hop Theater Festival Kickoff Celebration Featuring: Youth Speaks' **Brave New Voices College Tour** **8pm** **$10 General Admission, $5 Students**	**10** CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN  Dr. Loco 5/11	**11** DANCE Annual Postmodern Pachuco Party! **Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band** jammin' classic and contemporary Chicano grooves **9pm $10**	**12** BONNIE LOCKHART SEASON FINALE! 10:30AM WE'LL BE BACK IN THE FALL Concert **Los Mapaches** Join Los Mapaches, the Latin Amrican Youth Ensemble, for a lively concert of music from the mountains and the coasts of Latin Amerca. A great night out for the entire family. **7pm $10 adults, $5 kids**
13 HIP-HOP **Total Chaos: Hip-Hop Literati Panel Discussion** with **Jeff Chang, Adam Mansbach,** and Others. **6pm Free**	**16** CAFE POETRY WITH PARAIDSE 7:30PM **HIP-HOP** An explosive evening of excerpts and works-in-progress from Bay Area Hip-Hop theater artists **Bay Shorts** Featuring **HeadRush's** *The Throw Down* and **Shanique Scott's** *Prisons* **8pm $12 Adv., $15 Gen., $10 Students**	**17** CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN **La Peña Cultural Center is available for rent** **Priority is given to non-profit organizations** **Visit www.lapena.org for rental information**	**18** REPRESENTA! 8PM (MAY 18 - 20 - 3 SHOWS) A hilariously, entertaining & provocative bilingual play combining spoken-word and poetry **REPRESENTA!** Despite an atmosphere laden with stereotypes and anxieties between North Americans and Cubans, Chicano spoken word poet **Paul Flores** & Cuban rapper **Julio Cardenas** struck up a friendship when they met at the *Havana Hip-Hop Festival.* **8pm $15 adv/dr** *Discounts Available*	**19** REPRESENTA! 2PM Paul Flores & Julio Cardenas' **REPRESENTA!** Directed by **Danny Hoch**. Presented in cojunction with Hip-Hop Theater Fest, SFIAF, & Mission Cultural Ctr. **2pm $15 adv/dr** (post performance talk with artists) **Las Mujeres del Hip-Hop Cubano** Showcase of important Cuban artists **Las Krudas, DJ Leidis, and Magyori** aka **La Llave**. 9pm $10 advance $15 door www.clenchedfistproductions.com
20 CAFE RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM Paul Flores & Julio Cardenas' **REPRESENTA!** A fiercely incisive commentary on terrorism, immigration, Cuba, U.S. foreign policy, Bay Area lefty culture, New York after 9/11 and pan-Latino identity. A bilingual theatre which combines spoken-word poetry with character portrayals that are hilariously, entertaining & provocative **7pm $15 adv/dr**	**23** FILM International Latino Film Festival's **Barrio Cuba** (Cuba/Spain/2005, Spanish w/Eng. sub. 106 min. dir. by Humberto Solas,) A portrait of a society seeking upbeat moments in relentessly downbeat circumstances. Solas dexterously interweaves the stories of 3 characters striving for a piece of happiness in Havana. **7pm $6 gen. ,$5** **festival members**	**24** CONCERT *"For those in need of having their dervish whirled."*– LA Weekly **Fishtank Ensemble** Cross-pollinated Gypsy music with French fiddler Fabrice Martinez, El Douje, flamenco guitarist, Aaron Seeman, accordionist, singer and saw player, Urusula Knudsen, plus a Japanese shamisen player and a bass player. **7:30pm $12**	**25** COMEDY The Spotlight Stealerz featuring **Adelina Anthony** D'Lo and Alison De La Cruz is a queer women of color performance troupe using comedy to engage audiences in laughter & dialogue. The Stealerz weave individual stories to explore issues of identities, communities, love, your ex, and your family. The Spotlight Stealerz take audiences on a journey they might not soon forget. **8pm $10 adv., $12 door**	**26** CUBAN CONCERT/DANCE A concert/clinic & dance **Jesus Diaz & su QBA** with ***Nachito Herrera***, former director of *Cubanismo*, on piano, ***Raul Pineda***, formerly with the *Chucho Valdez Quartet*, on drums, & ***Jorge "Sagua" Perez***, formerly with the *Buena Vista Social Club*, on bass. The concert /clinic will be followed by a dance featuring the quartet & QBA. **8pm** concert clinic. **10pm** dance **$15** concert/clinic **$15** dance **$25** for both
27 CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN **SUPPORT OUR SILENT AUCTION** As part of our 32nd anniversary we will be holding a silent auction on June 9th. If you have a piece of art (painting, silkscreen poster, quilt), gift certificate or a service that you would like to donate to La Peña, contact Laura at (510) 849-2568 14 or laura@lapena.org for UP-TO-THE-MINUTE programming: www.lapena.org	**30** CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN	**31** CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN		

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La Peña in partnership with the Arab Cultural & Community Cr. launches
Beyond Walls, Beyond Wars: Arab Cultural Initiative
featuring Arab artists throughout 2007.
Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UCB.
See May 5

EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Lobby: Handcrafted journals, handbags, and wall adornments. **Latisha Baker's Pyrography.** May 3 through June 30th. A self-taught emerging artist, Latisha is a pyrographer, *fire writer*, who makes handcrafted journals, handbags, home accessories and wall adornments.

Cafe: *Elena Maroth's Acrylic paintings*. May 3 through June 30. A former ballet dancer in Havana, Elena brings to her visual art the joy and rhythm of color and movement.

Latisha Baker's At Random II

Laila Espinoza

Theater: *Laila Espinoza's Mirrors Found in Dreams*, April 3 - May 15. Painter and multi-media artist Laila Espinoza present a collection of multi-media paintings. She has exhibited her work throughout Arizona, San Francisco, and the Bay Area.

Los Mapaches 4/12

SFJAZZ spring season mar 8 - june 23

MAY 5 SA 2PM
"BACH IMPROVISATIONS"
GABRIELA MONTERO
FLORENCE GOULD THEATRE, LEGION OF HONOR
The Venezuelan pianist's latest release infuses on-the spot classical improvisation with dance rhythms and complex harmonies.

MAY 18 F 8PM

PALMIERI SANCHEZ
"GENERATIONS OF LATIN JAZZ"
EDDIE PALMIERI & DAVID SANCHEZ DUO
PALACE OF FINE ARTS THEATRE
Grammy-winner Palmieri meets young tenor saxophonist David Sanchez, who fuses the musical traditions of Puerto Rico and jazz.

TICKETS: Web sfjazz.org | Phone (800) 225-2277 | In person SFJAZZ Box Office 3 Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level, SF

Special May 1 Event sponsored by Inkworks
May 1st, Tuesday @ 7pm Free
Inkworks Press will hold a book release party at La Peña.
Celebrate the release of a new large format book with over 400 color illustrations
Visions of Peace and Justice: Over 30 Years of Political Posters

La Peña Open House
June 9, 2007
Celebrate our 32nd Anniversary!

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

EAST BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Los Amiguitos de La Peña / Family & Kid's show season finale! $4 adults $3 kids - 10:30am

Saturday, May 5
Juanita Ulloa & Ginny Morgan

Saturday, May 12
Bonnie Lockhart
Season finale! 10:30am

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Very Be Careful 6/1 — Alexis Hunt

Leticia Servin 5/2

Meli Rivera 6/2

HeadRush 6/8

La Peña Celebrates its 32nd Birthday !

Since 1975, La Peña has been an important community space that promotes social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and community action.

Join us on June 9th at our Open House as we celebrate our anniversary with performances of our talented student ensembles ranging from Mexican music to Latin American Kids Chorus to Latin Jazz to Hip Hop to Puerto Rican bomba

The Open House will also feature a silent auction - so bring your checkbook!

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FRIDAY

1 DANCE

The newest in vallenato dance music with

Very Be Careful

From the Colombian Caribbean land of fishers and farmers, lovers and assassins, where accordion narrated tales spill from shops, homes, bars, and beauty salons, ***Very Be Careful*** has imported a vintage sound and an urgent agenda: Dance!

9:30pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

SATURDAY

2 LA TROVA ES MUJER

A powerful double bill with two stupendous songwriters

Leticia Servin
(from México)

Meli Rivera

After her outstanding show last year prolific singer & songwriter ***Leticia Servin*** returns from Mexico to perform her new material sharing the show with Puerto Rican singer & educator ***Meli Rivera,*** a well-known & venerated voice in the San Francisco *trova* scene.

8:30pm 10 adv. 12 dr.

SUNDAY

3 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

866 Collective presents

2nd Annual Statements of the People

Poetry and music addressing the wars within and across our borders. Proceeds to benefit the SF8, eight former Black Panthers arrested on 30 year old charges. Join poets to speak out against the war in all its forms. Open mic follows show. Contact: 886collective@gmail.com

6:30pm $1-$10 sliding scale*

10 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Cafe Valparaiso is open on Sundays from 9am for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

17 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM

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24 BENEFIT EVENT

US Military Bases in Ecuador? Oil Companies in the Amazon?

Report back and benefit dance concert spon. by Global Exhcnages' Reality Tours Ecuador. After the report back, network and grooove to progressive funk rock with **Deciduous**. Co-spon. by F.O.R., M.I.T.F., Amazon Watch. Proceeds benefit Global Exchange youth scholarship program.

6:30pm $10-$20*

WEDNESDAY

6 PERFORMANCE POETRY

A work in progress/a life in process

When Truth Came Knocking

One woman's journey through concealing, revealing, and healing childhood truths in order to fully claim her adult path. Written and performed by JS Nahani with guest musicians Alice Ducey, Mia Braverman & Spike Alper.

7:30pm $10*

13 CAFE POETRY 7:30PM

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27 FILM

International Latino Film Festival presents

Un Franco, 14 Pestas

(105 min., Spain, dir. Carlos Iglesias, 2006) Spain, 1960, under the yoke of Franco and the economy in ruins. Iglesias autobiographic film uses humor and social criticism to thell the story of 2 mechanics who decide to emigrate to Switzerland and the clash of cultures they encounter.

7pm $6 gen. $5 ILF members

THURSDAY

7 Private event in the theater

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14 THEATER PREVIEW NIGHT

An unforgettable journey through history, language and memory

Pagbabalik (Return)

A multidisciplinary theater production writen by Aimee Susara, directed by Alex Torres, with directorial consultant by Ellen Sebastian Chang

A fusion of spoken word & theater, Filipino and modern dance, live indigenous Filipino & contemporary music that features: choreography and dance with Frances Sedayao, Lisa Juachon, Aimee Suzara; acting, choreography, Aimee Espiritu, Rose Almario, Jose Saenz, Aimee Suzara; music and composition, Jen Soriano, Juan Calaf, Ron Quesada; sound design, Ron Quesada. **Thur. show: 7:30pm and pay what you want. Fri. and Sat. show: 8pm $10 adv. $15 door**

21 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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8 POLITICAL SATIRE

headRush's

The Throwdown Remix

headRush uses comedic spoken word teatro and mulit-media musical satire to take you on a psycho-político ride into the fiendish world of ruling class antics, border politics, urban mis-education and media manipulation. Get ready to laugh out loud and stand up against the madness!

8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

9 Centro Vida bilingual childcare center presents Jose Luis Orozco
Two shows 10am and 11am
$8 adults, $5 kids, $25 families

Feliz Cumpleaños La Peña!

La Peña Celebrates its 32nd Anniversary!

Open house & free event featuring performances from La Peña's students & other artists.
Silent Auction w/lots of great items!
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6pm-Midnight • Free!

15 THEATER

16 THEATER

22 HIP HOP CONCERT

La Pena Cultural Center, YMR and Hard-Knock Radio present:

International Exchange West 2007

feat: **Company of Prophets, Kiwi & DJ Phatrick, Abyssinian Creole** (Seattle)
with: **DJ Monique** (YMR)
cafe performances curated by: Youth Movement Records doors open at

9pm $10, $8 before 10pm

23 CONCERT/DANCE

Venezuela:

Tambores de San Juan

An evening with the Venezuelan Music Project, directed by Jackeline Rago. VMP brings the soul and culture of Venezuela. A night of drumming from the central coast of Venezuela, plus some other dance favorites such as *calipso* from El Callao, Parranda Central, *tamboreras* and more.

8:30pm $12 adv. $14 door

29 THEATER

30 THEATER

A young girl's hopes and dreams of a better life

Shanique Scott in "Prisons"

The story of a young girl holding on to her hopes and dreams of a better life in contrast to her experience of chaos, despair and loss that surrounds her world. Whe she is finally succesful in manifesting a different experience, she is faced with a decision of whether to let her past become a "prison" or taking a risk for something new.

Two shows only! 8pm $15 adv. $18 door

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JUN 1 F 8PM — "ORCHESTRAL INNOVATOR" **GUILLERMO KLEIN Y LOS GUACHOS** — PALACE OF FINE ARTS THEATRE

Argentinean pianist and composer Klein and his 11-piece band fuse boleros, Cuban rhythms, Indian ragas, and straight-ahead jazz.

JUN 9 SA 8PM — "SOUNDS OF CAPE VERDE" **CESARIA EVORA** — MASONIC CENTER — "Noble and heartbreaking" —*New York Times*

The "Barefoot Diva" returns to SF with her definitive interpretations of Cape Verde's traditional *morna*.

JUN 23 SA 8PM — "WORLD FUSION" **CARLINHOS BROWN; OJOS DE BRUJO** — MASONIC CENTER

Brazilian percussionist and singer Carlinhos Brown and Barcelona-based Ojos de Brujo create an intoxicating fusion of world music.

TICKETS: Web sfjazz.org | Phone (800) 225-2277 | In person SFJAZZ Box Office, 3 Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level, SF

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